IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE
Criminal Writ Petition No.1599 of 2007

European Investments Ltd. Petitioner
Vs.
State of Maharashtra & ors. Respondents

Mr.S.V.Marwadi for petitioner.
Mr.A.S.Shitole, APP for State.

CORAM: B.H.MARLAPALLE, J.

August 28, 2007.

P.C.

. Heard Mr.Marwadi, the learned counsel for the applicant - Company which has filed CC No.2102/S/2002 under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 against the present respondent nos.2 to 8 and the dishonoured cheques' amount is Rs.70,71,15,154/-. The cheques were dishonoured during the period from March 2001 to August 2001.

. This petition has been moved for appropriate directions under Section 483 of Cr.P.C. for expeditious trial of the pending case.

. I am satisfied that reasonable grounds have been made out to issue directions to the trial Court under Article 227 of the Constitution read with

Section 483 of Cr.P.C. for the expeditious trial of the pending case and more so in keeping with the provisions under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

. Hence it is directed the trial of C.C.No.2102/S/2002 pending before the learned Add. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, 33rd Court at Ballard Pier, Mumbai be expedited and the case be decided on its own merits as expeditiously as possible and preferably by 31st December 2007.

. Petition is disposed off in terms of the above directions.

. Writ to go to the trial Court forthwith.

(B.H.MARL